

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A depilation device (1) comprising:

a housing; (5) and

a reel (16) ~~said reel (16)~~ being supported in the depilation device (1) so as to be rotatable about a reel axis (17) and ~~being provided and constructed for accommodating~~ arranged to accommodate a tape roll (15) formed by winding up of a depilation tape (2), wherein the reel (16) performs a dual function ~~and is designed both for of~~ unreeling the depilation tape (2) from the tape roll (15) present on the reel (16) so as to apply a portion of the depilation tape (2) to the skin of a person, and ~~also for of~~ winding up the depilation tape (2) onto the tape roll (15) present on the reel (16) so as to pull off a portion of the depilation tape (2) previously applied to the skin of ~~[[a]] the person from the skin of this person again,~~ the wherein the reel (16) ~~can be is~~ driven into rotation by drive means (35) during winding up of the depilation tape (2), and wherein the reel (16) ~~can be is~~ driven into rotation by the depilation tape (2) during unreeling of the depilation tape (2) without being hampered by the drive means, wherein the tape roll is the only storage mechanism for winding up the depilation tape of the depilation device (35).

2. (Currently Amended) A depilation device, (1) ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ comprising:

a housing; and

a reel being supported in the depilation device (1) so as to be rotatable about a reel axis and arranged to accommodate a tape roll formed by winding up of a depilation tape, wherein the reel performs a dual function of unreeling the depilation tape from the tape roll present on the reel so as to apply a portion of the depilation tape to the skin of a person, and of winding up the depilation tape onto the tape roll present on the reel so as to pull off a portion of the depilation tape previously applied to the skin of the person, and wherein the reel is driven into rotation by drive means during winding up of the depilation tape, and wherein the reel is driven into rotation by the depilation tape during unreeling of the depilation tape without being hampered by the drive means, wherein the tape roll is the only storage mechanism for winding up the depilation tape of the depilation device, wherein the drive means (35) comprise an electric motor (33).

3. (Currently Amended) A depilation device (1) as claimed in claim 2, wherein the electric motor (33) comprises a motor shaft (36), wherein a first gear (37) is fixedly mounted on the motor shaft (36), wherein the drive means (35) are formed by a gear transmission (35) comprising the first gear, at least one further gear and (37), which gear transmission (35) comprises an end gear (39) which is in engagement with a toothed rim (40) of the reel (16), and wherein the ~~at least one further gear one gear (38) of the gears (37, 38, 39) of the gear transmission (35) is adjustably supported by an adjustable carrier (42) and can be brought thereby out of engagement with the first gear an adjoining gear (37) of the gear transmission (35) so as to avoid that the unreeling of the depilation tape (2) is hampered by the drive means (35).~~

4. (Currently Amended) A depilation device (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the depilation device (1) is ~~provided and constructed for operation~~ arranged to operate with a depilation tape (2) comprising a hair removal medium that ~~can be~~ is softened by heating, wherein the depilation device (1) comprises a heating device (23) to which the depilation tape (2) unreeled from the reel (16) ~~can be~~ is supplied and ~~by means of which the relevant tape portion (2A) wherein a portion of the depilation tape (2) co-operating with the heating device (23) can be~~ is heated ~~for the purpose of softening to soften~~ the hair removal medium before the depilation tape (2) is applied with its hair removal medium to the skin of a person, wherein the heating device comprises an adjustment means for adjusting the heating means (23) is mounted with adjustment possibility between a rest position having no contact with the depilation tape and an operational position, is lifted off the depilation tape (2) in its rest position, and is in having thermally conductive contact with the depilation tape (2) in its operational position, and wherein adjustment means (62) are provided for adjusting the heating device (23), said the adjustment means being capable of positioning the heating device (23) in [[its]] the operational position during unreeling of the depilation tape (2) from the reel (16) and of positioning the heating device (23) in [[its]] the rest position during winding up of the depilation tape (2) onto the reel (16).

5. (Currently Amended) A depilation device (4) as claimed in claim 4, wherein the depilation device (4) comprises an application roller (27) for applying the depilation tape (2) to the skin of ~~[[a]]~~ the person, which application roller (27) ~~can be~~ is pressed against the skin of ~~[[a]]~~ the person with the depilation tape (2) being interposed between ~~[[them]]~~ the skin and the application roller, wherein said application roller (27) is adjustably mounted and forms part of the adjustment means (62), and wherein the heating device (23) ~~can be~~ is adjusted into ~~[[its]]~~ the operational position by ~~means of~~ the application roller (27) via the adjustment means (62) in that the application roller (27) is pressed against the skin, whereby the application roller (27) is held in its adjusted position.